

REPUBLICANS FLOCKING TO STATE CONVENTION

Slump and Martin Among First to Reach Roanoke, and Predict Big Meeting.

LOOK FOR 200 DELEGATES

National Committeeman Admits There is Much Uncertainty as to Presidential Nominee, but Believes Hughes May Be Named.

ROANOKE, Va., March 28.—(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)—The first train entering Roanoke is bringing delegates to the Republican State Convention, which opens here tomorrow. Early morning arrivals included Representative C. H. Slump and Alvin H. Martin, national committeeman. Indications are that between 1,000 and 2,000 delegates will be in attendance when the convention opens.

The convention will elect four delegates-at-large to the Republican National Convention, together with the election of four alternates and the selection of two electors-at-large to be voted for on November 7, following which a candidate for election to the United States Senate will be nominated.

Mr. Slump expressed himself as greatly pleased with the outlook for the Republican party in Virginia. "The convention here will be the largest in years," he said. "There is an absolute harmony among Virginia Republicans, as among Republicans all over the country."

DECLARES ALVIN H. MARTIN will be the Republican nominee is one of great uncertainty and admitted that in case of a deadlock, Justice Hughes might be nominated in spite of official of his candidacy. Representative H. H. Humphreys of Washington State, who will deliver the principal address to-morrow night, is expected to arrive in Roanoke this evening.

Persons familiar with Virginia politics would not be surprised if a fight developed over the question whether the delegates to the national convention shall go instructed. Chairman of the Virginia Republican Committee, who favors uninstructed delegates, gave out correspondence between himself and Supreme Court Justice Hughes.

Mr. Slump told the delegates that there was a movement on in Virginia, directed by Frank H. Hitchcock, former Postmaster-General, and several former Federal officials, to the State, with the view of securing a compromise of political patronage. This movement, Mr. Slump said, was general throughout the South, but was especially well-organized in Virginia. He said that he had been told that a fight was being made on him, but he was under the impression that he was being told of Mr. Hughes.

In reply Justice Hughes wrote that he was totally unopposed to the use of his name in connection with the nomination of delegates, or in instruction of delegates in his interest, directly or remotely. Mr. Hitchcock also denied that he knew of any organized effort in favor of Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Slump enclosed in his communication to Justice Hughes a letter purporting to have been written to an unnamed friend by S. Brown Allen, former postmaster at Staunton, Allen wrote that Mr. Hitchcock had advised him to confer with R. E. Cabell, former commissioner of internal revenue at Richmond, and that Cabell had before him a plan, under which it was arranged that Mr. Hitchcock was to be placed at the head of a Hughes campaign, and the understanding that Hughes should not be antagonized, "because it surely will be Hughes or Roosevelt, and under the arrangement Hitchcock, of course, will be postmaster-general and the premier of the next administration."

Mr. Cabell denied the statement contained in the Allen letter. Mr. Allen said he had written only one letter bearing on the presidential campaign, and that was a confidential communication to a candidate in Richmond County. He admitted, however, that he had been working in his session for Hughes delegates.

ROBERT H. ANGELL TO OPPOSE CARTER GLASS

Robert H. Angell, a factor merchant of this city, was unanimously nominated by the delegates to the Virginia Republican State Convention to oppose Carter Glass for Congress next fall.

B. S. Padgett of Floyd County and C. W. Surface of Montgomery County were elected delegates to the national convention.

REPUBLICANS IN NINTH

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—The Ninth District Republican Convention, in session here to-day, elected H. A. Anderson, son of Smith, and C. Noel of Lee, delegates to the Chicago Convention, with R. E. Hill of Pulaski, and P. A. Richmond of Scott, alternates. H. B. Widener was made a member of district electoral board. H. S. Brown, J. C. Smith, B. F. Bailey, W. S. Dodge and J. M. Dougherty were selected as members of the State committee.

UNINSTRUCTED DELEGATIONS, ACCORDING TO SLUMP

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Representative Slump, National committeeman Alvin H. Martin, Joseph L. Crupper of Alexandria, and R. A. Hill, editor of Staunton News, are expected to arrive as delegates-at-large. Mr. Slump believes the Virginia Republicans will demand a return of a protective tariff and will make this the paramount plank in their platform.

William B. Humphreys of Washington State, who has been asked to make the keynote speech, is a high protectionist.

TENTH DISTRICT NAMES

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To-Day and To-Night in Richmond

Shakespearean lecture, Mrs. Sally Nelson Robins, Jefferson Hotel, 5 o'clock.
Confederate Memorial Literary Society, Confederate Museum, 11 o'clock.
Richmond Retail Clerks' Local, Labor Temple, 8 o'clock.
Northern Citizens' Association, mass-meeting in behalf of athletic field, Fairmount School, 8 o'clock.
John Marshall High School, Vedic College Faculty Lecture, Dr. Greer, Buchanan, 8:15 o'clock.
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The Weather

(Furnished by U. S. Weather Bureau.)
Forecast: Virginia—Partly cloudy Wednesday; Thursday fair, warmer.
North Carolina—Partly cloudy Wednesday; Thursday fair, warmer.

General Weather Conditions.
WASHINGTON, March 28.—There will be local rains Wednesday in the eastern portion of the South Atlantic district and in Southern New England, followed by generally fair Thursday. Elsewhere east of the Mississippi River the weather will be fair Wednesday and also Thursday, except in the southern Upper Lake region and Tennessee, where rains are probable.

Local Temperature.
12 noon temperature, 53.
Maximum temperature to 5 P. M., 62.
Minimum temperature to 8 P. M., 48.
Rainfall, 0.00.
Normal temperature, 51.
Excess in temperature, 11.
Deficiency in temperature, since March 1, 107.
Accumulated excess since January 1, 38.

Local Rainfall.
Rainfall last 24 hours, 0.29.
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1, 181.
Excess in rainfall since January 1, 255.

Local Barometer Readings.
8 A. M., 30.0; 10 A. M., 30.0; 12 M., 30.0.

Local Observations at S. P. M. Yesterday.
Temperature, 48; humidity, 92; wind, direction, northwest; wind velocity, 15 miles; weather, light rain.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place	T. P. M.	High	Low	Weather
Asheville	42	48	38	Cloudy
Atlanta	42	48	38	Cloudy
Baltimore	42	48	38	Cloudy
Boston	42	48	38	Cloudy
Buffalo	42	48	38	Cloudy
Calgary	42	48	38	Cloudy
Chicago	42	48	38	Cloudy
Denver	42	48	38	Cloudy
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Hartford	42	48	38	Cloudy
Hayward	42	48	38	Cloudy
Jacksonville	42	48	38	Cloudy
Kansas City	42	48	38	Cloudy
Louisville	42	48	38	Cloudy
Montgomery	42	48	38	Cloudy
New Orleans	42	48	38	Cloudy
New York	42	48	38	Cloudy
Norfolk	42	48	38	Cloudy
Philadelphia	42	48	38	Cloudy
Pittsburgh	42	48	38	Cloudy
Raleigh	42	48	38	Cloudy
San Antonio	42	48	38	Cloudy
San Francisco	42	48	38	Cloudy
Savannah	42	48	38	Cloudy
Spokane	42	48	38	Cloudy
Tampa	42	48	38	Cloudy
Washington	42	48	38	Cloudy
Winnipeg	42	48	38	Cloudy
Wynneville	42	48	38	Cloudy

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
March 29, 1916.
HIGH TIME, 1:13.
Sun rises, 6:01. Morning, 11:13.
Sun sets, 6:29. Evening, 7:15.

Southern Railway Earnings.
The estimated earnings of the Southern Railway Company for the third week of March were \$1,319,938, as compared with \$1,166,991 for the same week of last year, an increase of \$152,947, according to figures made public yesterday by Comptroller A. H. Plant.

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